

October 13, 2005

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SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF STAFF REVIEW SCHEDULE FOR NINE MILE POINT  
NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2, AMENDED LICENSE RENEWAL  
APPLICATION (TAC NOS. MC3272, MC3273, MC3274, AND MC3275)

Dear Mr. Spina:

On May 27, 2004, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or the staff) received the Constellation Energy application for renewal of Operating Licenses DPR-63 and NFP-69 for the Nine Mile Point (NMP) Nuclear Station, Units 1 and 2, respectively. Notice of Acceptance for Docketing of the Application and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing regarding this application was published in the *Federal Register* on July 21, 2004, (69 FR 43631). By letter dated December 7, 2004, the NRC staff informed you of our concern regarding NMP's inadequate support of the license renewal activities, and this concern was highlighted by the staff audits and your responses to the staff's requests for additional information (RAIs). By letter dated January 3, 2005, you informed the staff that you had taken actions to resolve the factors contributing to your past performance and committed to provide the necessary support for the license renewal process. On March 3, 2005, you requested a grace period to recover the quality of your License Renewal Application (LRA). On May 13, 2005, you notified the staff that the amended NMP LRA would be sent by July 15, 2005. By letter dated July 14, 2005, you submitted the NMP amended LRA for Units 1 and 2, and requested that the staff resume its review of your application for renewal of the NMP Operating Licenses.

The staff has resumed its review as requested. However, as a result of your earlier inadequate support of the LRA review activities and your request for a grace period, we agree that the standard review schedule will be extended.

Please find enclosed the revised staff safety and environmental review schedule for the subject application. The staff will follow established review procedures and the enclosed schedule to complete the safety and environmental reviews pursuant to 10 CFR Parts 54 and 51.

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I would like to stress that this is a very ambitious schedule. Nevertheless, the staff will make every effort to meet the goal of this schedule. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the NRC Project Manager, Tommy Le, at 301-415-1458 or by e-mail at [NBL@nrc.gov](mailto:NBL@nrc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Docket Nos.: 50-220 and 50-410

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NINE MILE POINT NUCLEAR STATION, UNITS 1 AND 2  
 LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION  
 REVIEW SCHEDULE

Milestone	Schedule	Actual
Receive license renewal application	05/27/04	05/27/04
Federal Register Notice (FRN) published for receipt and availability	06/08/04	06/08/04
FRN published for acceptance/rejection/opportunity for hearing	07/21/04	07/21/04
FRN published for intent/environmental scoping meeting	08/09/04	08/09/04
Deadline for filing hearing requests and petitions for intervention	09/20/04	09/20/04
Public Meeting - Environmental scoping meeting	09/21/04	09/21/04
Environmental scoping period ends	10/11/04	10/11/04
Environmental requests for additional information (RAIs) issued	11/08/04	11/08/04
<b>Applicant Requested a 90-day grace period (4 and ½ calendar months)</b>	N/A	03/03/05
90-day Requested grace period ends	07/15/05	07/15/05
Receive amended updated license renewal application	07/15/05	07/15/05
Draft supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) issued	09/30/05	09/29/05
FRN published for availability/comment on draft SEIS	10/07/05	09/29/05
Public Meeting to discuss draft SEIS	11/17/05	---
End of draft SEIS comment period	12/22/05	---
Final SEIS issued	05/29/06	---
FRN published for availability of final SEIS	06/05/06	---
Safety evaluation report (SER) with open items issued	03/03/06	---
ACRS Subcommittee meeting on SER with open items	04/06	---
SER issued	06/30/06	---
ACRS Full Committee meeting on SER	07/06	---
ACRS letter issued	07/06	---
Staff Recommendation to Director, NRR (w/ No Hearing)	10/06	---
Decision - Director, NRR (license issued, if approved)	10/06	---

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